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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 3340

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PINS, ASEC, SHUM, ES
SUBJECT: MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING

REF: SAN SALVADOR 3175 (NOTA)

1. JAPANESE FIRST SECRETARY CALLED POLOFF MORNING JUNE 29
CONCERNING MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING. JAPANESE OFFICIAL STATED
COL. IRAHETA, SUBSECRETARY OF DEFENSE, HAD OFFICIALLY INFORMED
JAPANESE EMBASSY EVENING OF JUNE 28 THAT RECENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED BY GOES INDICATED STRONGLY MATSUMOTO WAS DEAD. IRAHETA
STATED TO JAPANESE THAT GOES HAD CONFISCATED DOCUMENTS
SUNDAY, JUNE 25 IN RAID ON ALLEGED TERRORIST HOUSE. ONE
OF DOCUMENTS, WHICH WAS SUMMARY OF TERRORIST MEETING
MAY 23 AT 8:25 A.M., STATED THAT MATSUMOTO HAD DIED
SEVERAL DAYS PREVIOUSLY. IRAHETA INDICATED TO
JAPANESE THAT THEIR INFORMATION WAS THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN
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KILLED BUT THAT HE HAD DIED EITHER THROUGH ERROR ON
PART OF KIDNAPPERS, GENERAL PHYSICAL CONDITION,
OR POSSIBLE SUICIDE. IRAHETA ALSO TOLD JAPANESE
OFFICIAL THAT THERE WAS STILL GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT
TERRORISTS WOULD ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE RANSOM FOR
MATSUMOTO EVEN THOUGH GOES OFFICIALS CONVINCED HE IS DEAD.

2. COMMENT: THE ABOVE INFORMATION IDENTICAL TO REPORT
RECEIVED BY DATT JUNE 27 AND UNDOUBTEDLY FROM SAME SOURCE.
JAPANESE INDICATED THEY WISHED CONSULTATIONCQITH POLOFF
WITH IMPLICATION THAT THEY HAD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
THEY DID NOT WISH TO DISCUSS ON TELEPHONE. POLOFF SAID HE
WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH JAPANESE AT ANY TIME
BUT INDICATIONS ARE THAT MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 30.
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